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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 10210/30
		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) <b>87/951629</b> To Be Assigned
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/013688	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE September 17, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED September 18, 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>PIPE JOINT AND SOCKET FOR PIPE JOINT</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Toru KOHDA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</p> <p>3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9), and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</p> <p>d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A combined declaration and power of attorney of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)) and/or amendments under Article 34.</p>		
Items 11 to 20 Below concern other document(s) or information included:		
<p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return Post card.</p>		

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The following fees are submitted:		CALCULATIONS      PTO USE ONLY		
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) ..... \$300 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If International preliminary report prepared by ISA/US or the examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$0 All other situations ..... \$200 23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$100 International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office ..... \$400 All other situations ..... \$500				
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =</b>		<b>\$1000</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.		\$1000		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	11- 20 =	0	x \$ 50.00	\$
Independent Claims	4- 3 =	1	x \$ 200.00	\$200
Multiple dependent claim(s) if Applicable			+ \$360.00	\$
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>
				\$1200
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than the <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$
				<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE=</b>
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31), \$40.00 per property +				\$40
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED=</b>				<b>\$1240</b>
				Amount to be refunded <b>\$</b> charged <b>\$</b>
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Checks; one in the amount of <u>\$1200</u> to cover the filing fee, one in the amount of <u>\$40</u> to cover the assignment recordal fee, are enclosed.				
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.				
d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.				
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.				
Send All Correspondence to: Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione P.O. Box 10395 Chicago, IL 60610		 Signature Tadashi Horie Name 40,437 Registration Number		
		September 30, 2005 Date		